

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

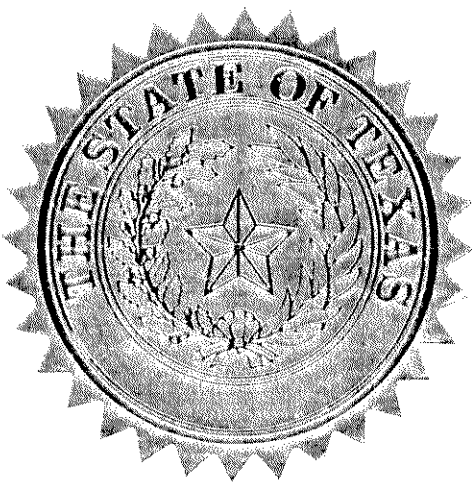
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 541 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 541 would allow some parolees who have been arrested for violating the terms of their parole to be released on bond from jail. Currently a parole violator is not authorized to have bail set so that they may be released on bond. Although H.B. No. 541 applies only to administrative violations and certain misdemeanor offenses, these offenders should not be given freedom when their return to prison or other sanctions are imminent, particularly considering that the top 10 fugitives being sought by the Department of Public Safety are parole violators.

I understand and am sympathetic to the concerns of counties that are experiencing capacity problems at their jails because of the number of parole violators they must house, but I believe this bill will have negative unintended consequences, and other alternatives should be considered to lessen the burden on county jails.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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